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C O N F I D E N T I A L KABUL 3299

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: ASEC, PINS, PINT, AF
SUBJECT: OFFICIAL USG PUBLIC ATTITUDE TOWARD THE NEW AFGHAN
REGIME

1. THIS EMBASSY WAS GREATLY DISTURBED TO NOTE IN
NESA-68 OF USICA WIRELESS FILE NO. 83 FOR APRIL 28 A
"WASHINGTON POST" ACCOUNT OF THE AFGHAN COUP WHICH CONTAINS
THE STATE: "A STATE DEPARTMENT SOURCE SAID INITIAL SIGNS
SUGGESTED THAT THE REVOLT WAS BEING LED BY A GROUP OF ARMY
AND AIR OFFICERS 'WHO COULD BE CONSIDERED PRO-SOVIET.'"

2. WE DO NOT THINK OUR INTERESTS HERE ARE SERVED BY
PUBLICLY CHARACTERIZING THE NATIONAL MILITARY REVOLUTIONARY
COUNCIL (NMRC) AS HAVING ANY SPECIFIC TYPE OF POLITICAL
COLORATION. IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT THE NMRC IS TAKING
GREAT PAINS TO AVOID A PRO-LEFTIST STANCE AT THIS TIME FOR
ITS OWN PURPOSES, A NEWS STORY LIKE THIS CAN BLIGHT OUR
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RELATIONSHIP WITH THEM BEFORE WE EVEN MAKE OUR FIRST OFFICIAL
CONTACT.

3. ALTHOUGH THE DAMAGE MIGHT ALREADY HAVE BEEN DONE IN
THE CASE OF THIS PARTICULAR NEWS STORY, WE STRONGLY URGE THAT
USG SPOKESMEN HENCEFORTH AVOID ANY PUBLIC SPECULATION ABOUT
THE POLITICAL ORIENTATION OF THE NEW KABUL LEADERSHIP.

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